

**Amendment and Response**

Applicant: Renato J. Recio et al.

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Title: PARTITIONING IN DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER SYSTEM**REMARKS**

The following remarks are made in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2005. Claims 2 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4-6, 10-21, and 24-29 were rejected. Claims 2, 3, 7-9, 22, and 23 have been objected to. With this Response, claims 1, 3, 7, 16, and 21 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-16, and 18-29 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-6, 10-15, 16-21, 24-29 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the Rekhter et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,339,595.

The Examiner objected to claims 2-3, 7-9, and 22-23 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include allowable limitations from provisionally allowed dependent claim 2. Applicant has amended independent claim 16 to include limitations of "establishing, at each endnode, a partition key table having a partition key and DLIDs pertinent to the partition key." These added limitations of amended independent claim 16 are similar to the allowable limitations of provisionally allowed dependent claim 2. Therefore, amended independent claims 1 and 16 are believed to be in form for allowance.

Dependent claims 3, 7, and 21 have been amended to correspond to the amendments to independent claims 1 and 16.

Dependent claims 3-15 further define patentably distinct independent claim 1. Dependent claims 18-29 further define patentably distinct independent claim 16. Therefore, these dependent claims are also believed to be allowable.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the above objections and rejections allowance of claims 1, 3-16, and 18-29.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 3-16, and 18-29 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references.

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Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections and allowance of claims 1, 3-16, and 18-29 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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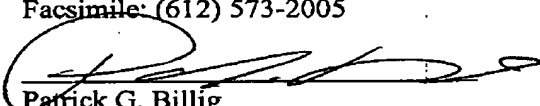
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